STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY 922 KAR 1:490E

This emergency administrative regulation is necessary in order to immediately waive the fingerprint-based criminal record check required for specific applicants in administrative regulation, as permitted by federal guidance issued pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5141. In light of the public health emergency and declaration of national emergency caused by the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), it has been deemed unsafe to conduct in-person fingerprint-based checks. Name-based criminal background checks shall be required at this time and fingerprint-based checks shall be conducted on these applicants once it is deemed safe to do so. This amendment is deemed to be an emergency pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)1., 2., and 4., as requiring fingerprint-based criminal record checks is an imminent threat to public health, safety, and welfare during this pandemic; Kentucky is at risk of losing Title IV-E federal financial reimbursement of payments made for the provision of out of home care services to children who have been abused, neglected, or made dependent; and this amendment is necessary in order to protect human health. This emergency administrative regulation will not be replaced by an ordinary administrative regulation as this emergency is anticipated to be time-limited.

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CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES Department for Community Based Services Division of Protection and Permanency (Emergency Amendment)

922 KAR 1:490E. Background checks for foster and adoptive parents, caretaker relatives, kinship caregivers, fictive kin, and reporting requirements.

EFFECTIVE: May 12, 2020

RELATES TO: KRS 17.500-17.580, 199.011(6), (9), 199.462(1), 211.684, 600.020(28), (40), (61), (62), 605.090(1)(b), (6), 605.120, 605.130, 620.050(5), Chapter 625, 45 C.F.R. 1356.30, 42 U.S.C. <u>247d</u>, 671(a)(20), 5106a, <u>5141</u>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050(1), 199.462(4), 199.640(5), 605.120(5), (6), 605.130(4), 605.150

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 194A.050(1) requires the secretary to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to implement programs mandated by federal law, qualify for the receipt of federal funds, and necessary to cooperate with other state and federal agencies for the proper administration of the cabinet and its programs. KRS 199.462(4) requires the cabinet to promulgate an administrative regulation for the purpose of requiring a criminal background investigation on behalf of a foster or adoptive parent applicant, an adult member of the applicant's household, a caretaker relative, and fictive kin. KRS 605.150 authorizes the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the provisions of KRS Chapter 605, including: (1) KRS 605.120(5) and (6) by which the cabinet is authorized to establish a program for kinship care; and (2) KRS 605.130(4) by which the cabinet shall perform such other services as may be deemed necessary for the protection of children. KRS 199.640(5) authorizes the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations establishing basic standards of care and service for child-placing agencies relating to the health and safety of all

children in the care of the agency. This administrative regulation establishes background check requirements for caretaker relatives, kinship caregivers, fictive kin, or applicants seeking to provide foster or adoptive services. Additionally, this administrative regulation imposes a stricter requirement than the federal mandate because the cabinet requires the denial of an applicant if: (1) a criminal record check conducted on behalf of an adult household member reveals physical abuse, battery, or a drug or alcohol-related felony within the previous five (5) year period or a felony involving a spouse, a child, sexual violence, or death; or (2) a child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet reveals that a household member, twelve (12) years of age or older, committed sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child, has been responsible for a child fatality related to abuse or neglect, or has had parental rights terminated involuntarily. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5141, a federal agency charged with the administration of a federal assistance program may modify or waive an administrative condition because of a major disaster. The Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d, and a national emergency was declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak. The Children's Bureau identified the requirement of fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as an administrative condition that may be modified pursuant to federal authority given that a state conduct all available name-based criminal background checks for applicants during the emergency and conduct fingerprintbased checks as soon as it is safe to do so.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Address check" means a search of the Sex Offender Registry to determine if an address is a known address of a registered sex offender.

- (2) "Administrative review" means that the status of the individual subject to the child abuse and neglect check is pending the outcome of an:
 - (a) Investigation or assessment in accordance with 922 KAR 1:330; or
 - (b) Appeal concerning a cabinet substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect.
 - (3) "Adolescent member of the household" means a youth who:
 - (a) Resides in the home of:
- 1. An individual who applies for approval or has been approved to provide foster or adoptive services: or
 - 2. A caretaker relative, fictive kin, or kinship caregiver;
 - (b) Is age twelve (12) through age seventeen (17); and
 - (c) Is not placed in the home by a state agency.
 - (4) "Adult member of the household" means an adult who:
 - (a) Resides in the home of:
- 1. An individual who applies for approval or has been approved to provide foster or adoptive services; or
 - 2. A caretaker relative, fictive kin, or kinship caregiver; and
 - (b) Is eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (5) "Applicant" means an individual who applies for approval as a foster or adoptive parent of a child in the custody of the state under:
 - (a) 922 KAR 1:350, Family Preparation; or
 - (b) 922 KAR 1:310, Standards for Child-Placing Agencies.
- (6) "Caretaker relative" means a relative with whom the child is, or shall be, placed by the cabinet.
 - (7) "Child fatality" is defined by KRS 211.684.
 - (8) "Child-placing agency" is defined by KRS 199.011(6).
 - (9) "Fictive kin" is defined by KRS 199.011(9) and 600.020(28).

- (10) "Kinship caregiver" means the qualified caretaker relative of a child with whom the child is placed by the cabinet as an alternative to foster care in accordance with 922 KAR 1:130.
 - (11) "Near fatality" is defined by KRS 600.020(40) and 42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)(4)(A).
- (12) "Sex Offender Registry" means the registration system for adults who have committed sex crimes or crimes against minors established in accordance with KRS 17.500 through 17.580.
 - (13) "Sexual abuse" is defined by KRS 600.020(60).
 - (14) "Sexual exploitation" is defined by KRS 600.020(61).
- Section 2. Background Checks Required for Foster or Adoptive Parent Applicants. (1) An applicant, and each adult member of the household, shall complete a DPP-157, Background Checks for Applicants or Foster/Adoptive Parents, and submit to:
 - (a) An in-state criminal records check, conducted pursuant to KRS 199.462(1), by the:
 - 1. Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; or
 - 2. Administrative Office of the Courts:
- (b) A child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet for each state of residence during the past five (5) years;
- (c) A criminal records check conducted by means of a fingerprint check of the Criminal History Record Information administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation <u>at the conclusion</u> of the major disaster declaration once it has been deemed safe to do so by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families; and
 - (d) An address check of the Sex Offender Registry.
- (2) Prior to approval of an applicant, each adolescent member of the household shall complete a DPP-157 and submit to a child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet.
- (3) A Kentucky child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet shall identify the name of each applicant, adolescent member of the household, or adult member of the household who has:
 - (a) Been found by the cabinet to have:
 - 1. Committed sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child;
 - 2. Been responsible for a child fatality or near fatality related to abuse or neglect;
- 3. Abused or neglected a child within the seven (7) year period immediately prior to the application; or
 - 4. Had parental rights terminated; or
 - (b) A matter pending administrative review.
 - (4) An applicant shall not be approved if:
- (a) A criminal records check reveals that the applicant, or adult member of the household, has a:
 - 1. Felony conviction involving:
 - a. A spouse, a child, sexual violence, or death as described by 42 U.S.C. 671(a)(20); or
- b. Physical abuse, battery, a drug, or alcohol within the five (5) year period prior to application;
 - 2. Criminal conviction relating to child abuse or neglect; or
 - 3. Civil judicial determination related to child abuse or neglect:
- (b) A child abuse or neglect check reveals that the applicant, adolescent member of the household, or adult member of the household, has been found to have:
 - 1. Committed sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child;
 - 2. Been responsible for a child fatality or near fatality related to abuse or neglect; or
- 3. Had parental rights terminated involuntarily in accordance with KRS 625.050 through 625.120 or another state's laws; or

- (c) An address check of the Sex Offender Registry and supporting documentation confirm that a sex offender resides at the applicant's home address.
- (5) An individual identified in accordance with subsection (3) of this section may submit an open records request in accordance with 922 KAR 1:510.
- Section 3. Procedure for Requesting a Cabinet Child Abuse or Neglect Check, a Criminal Record Check, and an Address Check of the Sex Offender Registry. Prior to approval of an applicant, a child-placing agency shall request a child abuse or neglect check, a criminal records check, and an address check of the Sex Offender Registry by submitting to the cabinet:
 - (1) A completed form, DPP-157, including the fee for a criminal background check; and
- (2) Documentation required to request a child abuse or neglect check from the child welfare agency in each previous state of residence, if the applicant or adult household member has resided outside of the state of Kentucky in the previous five (5) years.
- (3) To the extent resources are available, the department shall post information about other states' child abuse and neglect checks on the department's Web site.

Section 4. Request for a Child Abuse or Neglect Check from Another State.

- (1) The cabinet shall conduct a child abuse or neglect check as required by 42 U.S.C. 671(a)(20) if a:
- (a) Completed DPP-157 or DPP-159, Background Checks for Caretaker Relatives, Fictive Kin, or Kinship Caregivers, is submitted to the cabinet; or
 - (b) Request is received on agency letterhead and includes two (2) numeric identifiers.
 - (2) The cabinet shall:
- (a) Protect the confidentiality of the information transmitted by the cabinet to a child welfare agency; and
 - (b) Waive the fee specified in 922 KAR 1:470.

Section 5. Background Checks Required for a Caretaker Relative and Fictive Kin.

- (1) A caretaker relative, fictive kin, and each adult member of the household, shall complete a DPP-159 and submit to:
 - (a) An in-state criminal records check, conducted pursuant to KRS 199.462(1) by the:
 - 1. Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; or
 - 2. Administrative Office of the Courts:
 - (b) A child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet;
 - (c) An address check of the Sex Offender Registry; and
- (d) A criminal records check conducted by means of a fingerprint check of the Criminal History Record Information administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation if the caretaker relative, fictive kin, or adult household member has lived outside the state of Kentucky during the past five (5) years at the conclusion of the major disaster declaration once it has been deemed safe to do so by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.
- (2) An adolescent member of a caretaker relative's or fictive kin's household shall complete a DPP-159 and submit to a child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet.
- (3) A child abuse and neglect check conducted by the cabinet in accordance with subsection (1)(b) or (2) of this section shall include any finding consistent with Section 2(3) of this administrative regulation.
- (4) A caretaker relative or fictive kin shall not be approved if a criminal records check, a child abuse and neglect check, or an address check of the Sex Offender Registry reveals a finding consistent with Section 2(4) of this administrative regulation.

Section 6. Approval.

- (1) Except for the provisions of Section 2(4) or 5(4) of this administrative regulation, approval of an applicant, fictive kin, or caretaker relative who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony or misdemeanor, has been found by the cabinet or another child welfare agency to have abused or neglected a child, or whose parental rights have been terminated voluntarily, shall be handled on a case-by-case basis with consideration given to the:
 - (a) Nature of the offense;
 - (b) Length of time that has elapsed since the event; and
 - (c) Applicant's life experiences during the ensuing period of time.
- (2) Except for the provisions of Section 2(4) or 5(4) of this administrative regulation, an applicant, fictive kin, or caretaker relative may be approved on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the criteria described by subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section if:
 - (a) An adolescent member of the household has:
 - 1. Been found by the cabinet to have abused or neglected a child; or
- 2. Had parental rights terminated voluntarily in accordance with KRS 625.040 through 625.046 or another state's laws; or
 - (b) An adult member of the household has:
 - 1. Been convicted of a nonviolent felony or misdemeanor;
 - 2. Been found to have abused or neglected a child; or
- 3. Had parental rights terminated voluntarily in accordance with KRS 625.040 through 625.046 or another state's laws.

Section 7. Reevaluation.

- (1) An approved foster or adoptive parent and each adult member of the household shall submit annually, prior to or during the anniversary month of initial approval, to:
 - (a) A criminal records check as described in Section 2(1)(a) of this administrative regulation;
 - (b) A child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet; and
 - (c) An address check of the Sex Offender Registry.
- (2)(a) If an adult becomes a new member of an approved foster or adoptive parent's household, the new adult member of the household shall submit to background checks within thirty (30) calendar days of residence within the household in accordance with Section 2(1)(a) through (d) of this administrative regulation.
- (b) If an adult becomes a new member of a kinship caregiver's household, the new adult member of the household shall submit to background checks within thirty (30) calendar days of residence within the household in accordance with Section 5(1) of this administrative regulation.
- (3) If an adolescent becomes a new member of an approved foster or adoptive parent or a kinship caregiver's household, the new adolescent member of the household shall submit to a child abuse and neglect check conducted by the cabinet within thirty (30) calendar days of residence within the household in accordance with Section 2(2) or 5(2) of this administrative regulation.
 - (4) If the cabinet has custody of a child placed with a caretaker relative or fictive kin:
- (a) A new adult household member of a caretaker relative or fictive kin shall submit to background checks within thirty (30) calendar days of residence in the household in accordance with Section 5(1) of this administrative regulation; and
- (b) A new adolescent household member of a caretaker relative or fictive kin shall submit to a child abuse and neglect check conducted by the cabinet within thirty (30) calendar days of

residence within the household in accordance with Section 5(2) of this administrative regulation.

- 5) An annual address check of the Sex Offender Registry shall be completed for a kinship caregiver's eligibility redetermination in accordance with 922 KAR 1:130, Section 13(2).
- (6) If an annual address check indicates a match with the Sex Offender Registry, a report of abuse, neglect, or dependency shall be made in accordance with 922 KAR 1:330.

Section 8. Maintenance of Records.

- (1) A completed copy of each criminal records check conducted pursuant to Section 2 or 7 of this administrative regulation and the DPP-157 shall be maintained on behalf of each:
 - (a) Applicant:
 - (b) Foster or adoptive parent; and
 - (c) Adult member of an applicant or foster or adoptive parent's household.
- (2) A completed copy of each DPP-157 submitted pursuant to Section 2(2) or 7(3) of this administrative regulation shall be maintained on behalf of each adolescent member of:
 - (a) An applicant's household; or
 - (b) A foster or adoptive parent's household.
- (3) A completed copy of the DPP-159 and criminal records check conducted pursuant to Section 5 or 7 of this administrative regulation shall be maintained for each:
 - (a) Caretaker relative;
 - (b) Kinship caregiver;
 - (c) Fictive kin; and
 - (d) Adult member of a caretaker relative, fictive kin, or kinship caregiver's household.
- (4) A completed copy of the DPP-159 submitted pursuant to Section 5(2) or 7(3) of this administrative regulation shall be maintained on behalf of each adolescent household member of a:
 - (a) Caretaker relative;
 - (b) Kinship caregiver; or
 - (c) Fictive kin.

Section 9. Communications. This administrative regulation shall not limit the cabinet's ability to discuss the qualifications or fitness of an applicant or an existing foster or adoptive parent with a child-placing agency in accordance with:

- (1) KRS 620.050(5); or
- (2) The terms and conditions of:
- (a) A release of information signed by the applicant or foster or adoptive parent; or
- (b) The agreement between the cabinet and the child-placing agency.

Section 10. Incorporation by Reference.

- (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:
- (a) "DPP-157, Background Checks for Applicants or Foster/Adoptive Parents", 1/18; and
- (b) "DPP-159, Background Checks for Caretaker Relatives, Fictive Kin, or Kinship Caregivers", 1/18.
- (2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ERIC C. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Secretary APPROVED BY AGENCY: May 11, 2020

FILED WITH LRC: May 12, 2020 at 1 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held July 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in Suites A & B, Health Services Building, First Floor, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by July 20, 2020, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation until July 31, 2020. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Persons: Laura Begin and Donna Little

- (1) Provide a brief summary of:
- (a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes background check requirements for caretaker relatives, kinship caregivers, fictive kin, or applicants seeking to provide foster or adoptive services.
- (b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is necessary to establish the requirements for background checks of out-of-home or foster care providers.
- (c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes through its establishment of background check requirements for caretaker relatives, kinship caregivers, fictive kin, prospective foster or adoptive parents, and other household members.
- (d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation assists in the effective administration of the statutes through its establishment of background check requirements for out-of-home caregivers.
- (2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:
- (a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: The emergency amendment to this administrative regulation reflects federal guidance that pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5141, the Stafford Act, federal agencies administering federal assistance programs may modify or waive, for a major disaster, such administrative conditions for assistance as would otherwise prevent the giving of assistance under such programs if the inability to meet such conditions is a result of the major disaster. The Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d, and a national emergency was declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak. The Children's Bureau identified the requirement of fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as an ad-

ministrative condition that may be modified under the Stafford Act authority given that the state conducts all available name-based criminal background checks for applicants during the outbreak and conducts fingerprint-based checks as soon as it is safe to do so.

- (b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The emergency amendment to this administrative regulation is necessary for consistency with federal guidance allowing a temporary waiver for required fingerprint-based background checks until it has been deemed safe to resume such checks by the Administration for Children, Youth and Families. Name-based checks are required to be conducted during this time.
- (c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The emergency amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes through its alignment of regulatory provisions with statutory authorities, FBI requirements, requests of impacted private agencies, and additional considerations to improve child safety in out-of-home or foster care. The amendment provides for a waiver of the requirement of fingerprint-based background checks during the COVID-19 outbreak crisis.
- (d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: The emergency amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes through its necessary waiver conditions during the national emergency to ensure the state is in compliance with federal requirements and does not jeopardize federal financial reimbursement.
- (3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: The emergency administrative regulation affects prospective and existing foster and adoptive parents, relative caregivers, kinship caregivers, and fictive kin providers seeking background check approval during the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition, child-placing agencies are impacted in their recruitment and approval of foster or adoptive parents by providing a conditional waiver of fingerprint-based background checks due to the national emergency.
- (4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:
- (a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: There are no new actions on the part of caretaker relatives, kinship caregivers, or foster or adoptive parents. The amendment allows a temporary waiver of one requirement.
- (b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): Individuals subject to these background check requirements have their background check costs borne by the cabinet or through a child-placing agency in the course of the agency's business practices. There is no increase in costs resulting from this amendment.
- (c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): As a result of this amendment, children removed from their homes of origin will potentially have more placement options and enhanced safety afforded through the background checks required by this administrative regulation. In addition, the cabinet and private agencies will benefit from being able to continue approval processes and maintain compliance with federal funding mandates.
- (5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:
- (a) Initially: There is no new or additional cost projected for the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation. Not amending this administrative regulation in this manner would result in jeopardizing the federal child welfare funding.

- (b) On a continuing basis: There is no new or additional cost projected for the administrative body to implement this emergency amended administrative regulation.
- (6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: Federal Title IV-E (of the Social Security Act), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant funds, and State General Funds are the sources of funding to implement and enforce this administrative regulation.
- (7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: There is no increase in fees or funding necessary to implement this emergency amended administrative regulation.
- (8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: This administrative regulation does not directly establish any fees, but requires criminal background checks for which other agencies have established fees. There is no increase in fees associated with this emergency amended administrative regulation.
- (9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering is not applied, because this administrative regulation will be applied in a like manner statewide.

FEDERAL MANDATE ANALYSIS COMPARISON

- 1. Federal statute or regulation constituting the federal mandate. 45 C.F.R. 1356.30, 42 U.S.C. 671(a)(20), 5106a
 - 2. State compliance standards.
- KRS 194A.050(1), 199.462(4), 199.640(5), 605.120(5), (6), 605.130(4), 605.150
- 3. Minimum or uniform standards contained in the federal mandate. 45 C.F.R. 1356.30, 42 U.S.C. 671(a)(20), 5106a
- 4. Will this administrative regulation impose stricter requirements, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements, than those required by the federal mandate? This amendment to the administrative regulation is consistent with federal requirements, as the Children's Bureau identified the requirement of fingerprint-based checks of national crime information databases as an administrative condition that may be modified during the state of emergency caused by the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5141, a federal agency charged with the administration of a federal assistance program may modify or waive an administrative condition because of a major disaster. Name-based checks will continue to be conducted and fingerprint-based checks will resume at the conclusion of the major disaster declaration once it is deemed safe to do so.

Existing standards do impose stricter requirements than the federal mandate because the cabinet requires the denial of an applicant if: (1) a criminal record check conducted on behalf of an adult household member reveals physical abuse, battery, or a drug or alcohol-related felony within the previous five (5) year period or a felony involving a spouse, a child, sexual violence, or death; or (2) a child abuse or neglect check conducted by the cabinet reveals that a household member, twelve (12) years of age or older, committed sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child, has been responsible for a child fatality related to abuse or neglect, or has had parental rights terminated involuntarily. These standards are not affected by this amendment.

5. Justification for the imposition of the stricter standard, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements. The additional restrictions noted in this analysis were added as additional safeguards for children in out-of-home care. The federal law does not prohibit the addition of these restrictions.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- (1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Kentucky State Police, and the Administrative Office of the Courts will be impacted by this administrative regulation.
- (2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 194A.050(1), 199.462(4), 199.640(5), 605.120(5), (6), 605.130(4), 605.150, 45 C.F.R. 1356.30, 42 U.S.C. 671(a)(20), 5141
- (3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.
- (a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? This emergency amendment will not generate revenue for state or local government. Fees charged by law enforcement or judicial agencies for criminal background checks cannot exceed the actual costs of conducting the checks.
- (b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? This emergency amendment will not generate any revenue in subsequent years.
- (c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There are no new or additional costs projected as a result of this amendment.
- (d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There are no new or additional costs projected as a result of this amendment.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation: